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On the request of Chairman Strauss' office, transmitted by the General Manager, I met with the Honorable Ambassador to the United Nations, Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., at his office in New York City at 11:30 AM, May 10. Also present was Mr. James J. Wedsworth, Ambassador Extraordinary, Deputy Representative to the United Nations. I reviewed for them recent events in relation to the Pacific under the following headings: (a) the Marshall Islands and its people, (b) injury of the Japanese tuna fishermen, and (c) the impact of these events on Pacific fisheries.

With relation to (a) it appears that the petition received by the UN from the Marshall Islanders in which they request certain educational services with respect to radiation hazards did not come through normal administrative channels, that is: the High Commissioner for the Trust Territories of the Pacific. This explains why Mr. Baynard Bas, Acting District Administrator, who is normally stationed at Majuro where apparently this petition originated, was very vague in his knowledge concerning it. He told me that he really did not know of any petition, but that he had heard something about a letter which was being drawn up, but which had never been delivered to him. While the request in this petition seemed quite reasonable, it is more than a mere possibility that the petition was really initiated by communist sympathizers in the Marshall Islands. This petition has been held by the Secretariat pending the completion of the test series. Ambassador Lodge says he feels that the Secretary General may be embarrassed if there is much further extension of time before release of the petition. I promised to let him know immediately on receipt of news that NEOTAR had been fired. Mr. Wedsworth was informed this morning at 9:55 AM that the shot may be fired today.

In connection with the discussion of the problem of the fisheries, I outlined to Ambassador Lodge the Japanese plan for a fisheries expedition on the SUMMERO MARU and the reasons for our decision to accept their invitation to send a representative on this voyage.

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